



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1188***

LCO No. 3848

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

***AN ACT PERMITTING LICENSEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO CONDUCT SAFETY INSPECTIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (g) of section 14-12 of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (g) (1) The commissioner shall not register any motor vehicle which  
4 is ten or more model years old and which has not been previously  
5 registered in this state until the same has been presented, as directed  
6 by the commissioner, at the main office or a branch office of the  
7 Department of Motor Vehicles or to any designated official emissions  
8 inspection station or other business or firm, except a licensee of the  
9 department, authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to  
10 conduct safety inspections, and has passed the inspection as to its  
11 safety features as required by the commissioner. (2) Notwithstanding  
12 the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the commissioner  
13 may authorize a licensee of the department that has expertise in the  
14 repair of commercial motor vehicles to conduct safety inspections of  
15 motor vehicles, as provided in said subdivision (1), that are  
16 commercial motor vehicles. When a motor vehicle owned by a resident

17 of this state is garaged in another jurisdiction and cannot be  
18 conveniently presented at an office of the Department of Motor  
19 Vehicles, an authorized emissions inspection station or other facility,  
20 the commissioner may accept an inspection made by authorities in  
21 such other jurisdiction or by appropriate military authorities, provided  
22 the commissioner determines that such inspection is comparable to  
23 that conducted by the Department of Motor Vehicles. (3) If the  
24 commissioner authorizes the contractor that operates the system of  
25 official emissions inspection stations or other business or firm to  
26 conduct the safety inspections required by this subsection, the  
27 commissioner may authorize the contractor or other business or firm  
28 to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for each such inspection.  
29 (4) The commissioner may authorize any motor vehicle dealer or  
30 repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52 and meeting  
31 qualifications established by the commissioner, to make repairs to any  
32 motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety inspection and to certify  
33 to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is in compliance with the  
34 safety and equipment standards for registration. No such authorized  
35 dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee to make such  
36 certification to the commissioner. (5) The provisions of this section  
37 shall not preclude the commissioner from issuing a temporary  
38 registration or more than one such registration for a period not to  
39 exceed ten days for each such temporary registration for any motor  
40 vehicle without regard to the inspection requirements of the general  
41 statutes.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To permit licensees of the Department of Motor Vehicles to conduct safety inspections on used commercial vehicles that have not previously been registered in the state.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*